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Application No. : 10/699,351
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Title : Compositions, Methods, and Kits Useful for the Alleviation
of Gastrointestinal Effects

RESPONSE AFTER 1st OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(c)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Office Action of July 5, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks with respect to patentability, and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, providing for a timely response up to and including January 5, 2007. All related fees are to be charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account #16-2480.

No *Amendments* to the Specification are made at this time, however a NEW Abstract is submitted on a separate sheet.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.